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BACK TO ROUTINE

BUSINESS BECOMES NORMAL AFTER PRE-CHRISTMAS RUSH.

PURCHASES WERE GOOD

Merchants Say Holiday Buying Was Up to Average, Though More Useful Presents Were Bought.

After two weeks or more of the pre-Christmas rush of shoppers, business assumed almost normal proportions in Maryville today, although it was better today even than normally, on account of it being Saturday, when country folk usually come to town. The extra clerks in some of the stores were relinquished this morning and the "out-of-order" appearance in many stores caused the past week by the unusually heavy Christmas trade disappeared today and the tired, jaded look had left the clerks. Some stores were open yesterday part of the day to accommodate tardy shoppers and to finish the delivery of purchases.

Nearly all merchants, be they dealers in dry goods, groceries, drugs, cigars, clothing, shoes, hardware or candies and confections, report that this pre-Christmas business was good, in fact some say was better than ever before. One noticeable observation of the merchants in Maryville this holiday was the fact that more useful presents than ever before were purchased by the Christmas shoppers.

Utility vs. Extravagance.

The usually silly, extravagant and worthless gifts that are so often bestowed upon loved ones at the Yuletide season, dealers say, gave way to clothing, shoes, household furnishings and various articles of utility. Of course, the usual sale of candies, nuts, oranges and confections is reported, most of this going to children, but the "grown-ups" gave and received, in the majority of cases, serviceable articles.

One event that has probably caused this change in buying, some say, is the war in Europe and the resultant cry of distress from Belgium and other war-ridden countries on that continent. The appeal of the poor in the cities of tubercular patients and other unfortunate ones also is believed to have had an effect on the buying public.

Passenger Business Good.

Both the Wabash and the Burlington local agents say a large passenger traffic resulted here for several days before Christmas and again today. There was little difference, it is said, in the amount of incoming and outgoing traffic. The passenger traffic also will be heavy Monday, it is expected, as many went to their homes or to friends and relatives to spend Christmas, then also get today and tomorrow "off." The express business also was good—in fact, both local express offices were "loaded to the guards" with Christmas gifts and the usual line of shipments.

EVANS HEADS TEACHERS.

Retiring School Superintendent Elected to Association—Local Educator on Board.

William P. Evans, state superintendent of public schools, who will be retired from that position on January 1, has been selected as secretary of the Missouri State Teachers' association by the executive board in special session. Prof. C. A. Hawkins, one of the members of the faculty of the State Normal school here, is a member of that board. Evans will be on a salary nearly as large as that he now receives from the state.

Evans will succeed E. M. Carter of Cape Girardeau and Prof. W. M. Oakerson of this city, who has resigned as secretary of the Missouri State Reading Circle, which recently was consolidated with the secretaryship of the association of teachers.

FEW CHRISTMAS WEDDINGS.

Few Nodaway County Nuptials This Yuletide, Records Here Indicate.

That the number of couples who secured marriage licenses in the office of the recorder of deeds here this pre-Christmas period was less than the few days prior to Thanksgiving, is the record established by J. Arthur Wray. Why this should be so, and that the Christmas weddings this year should be so much scarcer than previous years is a mystery J. Arthur cannot fathom.

But the records show that only two marriage permits were issued here Thursday. One was in the morning to a Hopkins couple, and the other was that afternoon to Earl R. Booth, 25 years old, of Quitman, and Cora A. Huff, over 18 years old, of Wilcox.

Read Democrat-Forum want ads.

CLEAR OUT MAIL QUICKLY

Extra Hours and Extra Help Keep Mail Distributed Well This Christmas.

While the Christmas mail at the Maryville postoffice this year was heavier than any previous Yuletide, it was cleared away in quicker time and distributed in boxes and over the city within less time than ever before, it is said. Extra clerks and carriers worked nearly all day yesterday to get the many gift bundles distributed and delivered, but even this morning the parcels kept coming in. A few tardy Maryville folk even didn't get some of their gifts mailed until yesterday.

All parcels that came in to the local postoffice up to noon yesterday got out over the city, be it even to the edge of town, except that in some instances where business houses were closed it was impossible to find the recipient. In these cases the bundles were returned to the postoffice to await today's delivery.

The parcel post has been a boon to Christmas givers. Parcels weighing as much as fifty pounds—the limit in the first and second zones—and several feet in dimension, or in length, were handled by the local government force. Large bundles from great distances also came through the mails with but a few cents postage as a tax, whereas before the inauguration of the parcel post system the postage would have made it prohibitive.

FARMER LOSES \$350 HORSE.

"Corn Stalk" Disease Continues to Kill Work Animals Throughout County.

The "corn stalk" disease continues to deplete the supply of farm horses in Nodaway county. Farmers in the north part of the county are especially being hard hit by the disease. Many residents of Hopkins, Atchison and Lincoln townships have lost one or more horses within the last month, and seemingly the deaths will not diminish. One of the most recent deaths from this disease reported here was of a horse valued at \$350, owned by Leonard Lynch, who lives on the Prather land, two miles west of Maryville. It was a young mare, which Lynch but a few days ago refused to sell for \$350. It died Wednesday night, after it had been fed shredded corn fodder.

FILE AMANDA YOUNG WILL.

Maryville Woman, Who Died Recently, Leaves Property to Children.

The will of Mrs. Amanda Young, who died at her home, on East First street, about two weeks ago, was filed in probate court this morning. She divides two-thirds of her real estate and personal property equally between her two children, Madison D. Young and Mrs. Florence M. Douglas. The remainder goes to her grand children.

She named Madison D. Young as executor. This has not yet been affirmed by Probate Judge W. H. Conn, but probably will be soon.

NICHOLAS AHLERS.

German Consul Who Is Being Tried In England For Treason.



Photo by American Press Association.

SCHOOLS IMPROVE

EDUCATIONAL CONDITIONS IN THE STATE FINE, REPORT SHOWS.

EFFICIENCY IS RAISED

Teachers Better Paid, Study Courses More Thorough, Terms Longer—Daily Attendance Good.

In the twelve-year period between 1902 and 1914, the total enumeration decreased 5.3 per cent, according to figures compiled by State Superintendent W. P. Evans. In the same length of time the average daily attendance of pupils increased 5.4 per cent.

In 1902 the average length of the school term in Missouri was 143 days; in 1914 it is 163. Expenditures for public schools increased during the twelve years from \$8,169,288 to \$17,696,052. The total number of teachers increased from 16,347 to 19,440. The average annual salary of the teachers increased from \$206 to \$500.

Mr. Evans says recent legislation has tended to infuse new life into the public school system of the state.

Enumeration Shows Decrease.

Although enumeration of school children in Missouri decreased for the school year ending June 30, 1914, more than 32,000, the enrollment in the public schools increased 16,000 and the average daily attendance increased more than 21,000.

These figures indicate that children are attending school more regularly than heretofore.

This report shows more than 66 per cent of the teachers of the state receive less than \$500 annually, or a salary of but \$1.60 a day. It also shows that 39 per cent receive less than \$400; 16 per cent receive less than \$300, and 2.8 per cent less than \$200 annually.

Few Out of School.

Of the 914,160 children of school age enumerated, 708,364 were enrolled in the public schools.

The total number of days attendance by all pupils in public schools for the year was 83,945,876, the average daily attendance was 515,233, the average length of school term 169.9 days.

Only thirty-four school districts had less than four months school. The report shows that 542 had between four and six months; 3,239 had between six and eight months, and 635 held school for more than eight months last year.

Last year 22,131 pupils of the public schools graduated from the state course of study, of this number 9,720 being boys and 12,411 girls.

The total enrollment of the high schools was 45,179, of this number 19,572 being boys and 25,607 being girls.

Few from Normals.

Of the 19,440 teachers in Missouri, 8,674 were teaching upon second and third grade county certificates and only 1,426 held life, five years, or state rural certificates. Of the total number 2,536 held diplomas issued by state normal schools.

During the school year, 2,797 teachers who had had no previous experience were teaching in the public schools.

That the public schools are largely in the hands of women teachers is indicated by the fact that 14,297 of the 19,440 teachers are women. Low salaries have driven the male teachers of experience from the field except as principals and superintendents or teachers in the high schools.

The average monthly salaries of male teachers is \$66.22 and of women \$59.84. The general average is \$61.41. This applies only to the school term and not to the whole year.

WEATHER TURNS COLDER.

Moderation Followed by "Below Zero" Weather and "Raw" Winds and Cloudiness.

After a few days of slight moderation in temperature, Maryville folk awakened this morning to find the mercury in the thermometers between 9 and 11 degrees below zero and a "raw" northerly wind blowing brisk and fresh beneath an overcast sky. The change really began yesterday but did not get down to the lowest temperature when J. R. Brink, official observer, read the government weather meter at 7 o'clock this morning he found that the coldest period of the night was 9 degrees below zero. Many thermometers about town, however, showed a minimum temperature of 10 and 11 degrees below zero.

Mrs. Nellie Alden spent yesterday visiting her sister, Mrs. John Young of Pickering.

BAPTISTS FED 750

MUSIC AND SONGS FOLLOWED CONGREGATIONAL FEAST.

DINE MANY 'OUT-SIDERS'

Persons of no Affiliation Mingled With Church Folk and Christmas Spirit Prevailed.

The largest church dinner ever served in Maryville fell to the honor of the congregation of the First Baptist church Thursday night when, in the true spirit of Christmas, it fed 750 men, women and children, 100 or more of whom belonged to no church. For four hours, or from 5 o'clock Thursday afternoon until 8 o'clock that night, the great big basement room of the Baptist church was filled with the diners.

Every arrangement had previously been made—part of it a week or more in the past—to serve these persons within the quickest possible time and to the best advantage. So it was that a few minutes after arriving, tables were fitted up to dine 250 persons at one time.

Served 65 at Own Homes.

The first two tables were filled to overflowing, mostly with children, it having been the plan to have the tots eat first, then let the older folk dine. The next two tables were nearly filled. There were four services during the feast, so that it is estimated by the Rev. Lewis M. Hale, pastor, that fully 750 persons were fed within those four hours.

Included in the 750 were sixty-five dinners taken out of the church and direct to the homes of persons too old, feeble or ill to come to the church to dine. Another Samaritan policy adopted at the Baptist feast was in providing automobiles and other vehicles during the evening to bring the real old or ill folk to the church when such a call was made.

Of the 750 who were diners it is believed between 100 and 200 were not affiliated with any Catholic or Protestant church, and would not have been included in any other church affairs of the city. This feat was accomplished by the Baptists early last week by making a thorough canvass over the entire city, and inviting all non-church members to attend the Baptist dinner.

Mingle in Yuletide Style.

These persons mingled with the members of the Baptist congregation freely and many warm compliments and thanks were paid to the Baptists.

Among the many edibles served during the evening were 100 chickens, most of them donated by members of the congregation and cooked by the women folk. Most of the food was previously cooked at the homes of the church members, then taken to the church kitchen and there kept warm until served. Several gasoline ranges also were placed in service in the Sunday school rooms to facilitate matters.

May Repeat Next Year.

There is little doubt in the minds of Mr. Hale or the leading members of that church that the Christmas dinner feat will not be given again next year by the Baptists. "Personally, I am strongly in favor of making it an annual feature of the First Baptist church," said Mr. Hale this afternoon, "and many of the more prominent workers have expressed the same sentiments. If we do hold a Christmas dinner again next year it will serve more than ever."

After the four-hour feast the primary department of the Baptist Sunday school gave a musical and song service in the auditorium. Some members of the Sunday school also gave several musical numbers during the dinner.

PICKERING TO SEE VIEWS.

University of Missouri "Boosters" Were at Skidmore Last Night.

The stereopticon slides depicting activities at the University of Missouri, and especially in the agricultural college, will be shown at Pickering tonight under the auspices of the Nodaway county club of the university. The same views were shown at Skidmore last night and drew a fairly large crowd, it is said.

Three more meetings after tonight are planned by the boosters. They are to be at Hopkins next Monday night, Harmony church Tuesday night and Burlington Junction Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reavis and son spent yesterday at Burlington Junction, the guests of Mr. Reavis' father, C. Reavis.

CHRISTIANS GIVE TO POOR

City's Unfortunate Are Remembered by Church and Charity Board on Christmas.

There were many dozens of "white gifts for the king" offered by members of the Sunday school of the First Christian church in the Christmas service held at that church Thursday night. But the Christian church was not alone in this work. The city charity board also co-operated with the church in the bestowal of serviceable articles and food to the poor and needy of Maryville.

After a song and recitation service in the church these hundreds of gifts were loaded in four automobiles and a horse drawn vehicle and distributed to the list of poor and unfortunate over the city. This Santa act was not accomplished until late that night, and after the tots of the folk had retired for the night.

The service began after the opening hymn with a short address on the purpose of the service by the Rev. R. L. Finch, pastor. It was followed by a procession of small Sunday school pupils bearing gifts for the poor. Each package was wrapped in white.

A host of recitations, songs and readings ended the service. A visit of Santa Claus then followed. He distributed 300 sacks of candy and nuts among the children gathered there.

The workers of the church and members of the charity board then proceeded to arrange the gifts for the poor and distribute them. The gifts constituted thirty-five dressed chickens by one Sunday school class, several bushels of potatoes, several dozen sacks of flour, bread, galore, cabbage, fruits, toys, clothing and a check for \$10 to buy two tons of coal for the city's needy.

The check and ten sacks of flour, which did not arrive at the church until yesterday, have been turned over to the charity board for distribution among the poor.

Other churches of Maryville also aided the poor to some extent this Christmas, especially where they were members of that denomination.

Band Concert Tomorrow.

The regular weekly concert of the Maryville band will begin at the Empire theater at 3:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. The following musical numbers have been selected for tomorrow's program:

"Lake Front March," Vandercook. Selection, "Faust," Gounod. Intermezzo, "Fascination," Althouse. Waltz, "Blue Danube," Strauss. Trombone solo, "When It's Springtime in Virginia," Erdman—Irvell Stafford.

Fantasia on "My Old Kentucky Home," Dalbey.

Descriptive gallop, "An Indian Ride," Paul de Loetz.

"The Black Man," Sousa.

One-step, "All Aboard for Dixie Land," Gumble.

VICE ADMIRAL STURDEE.

From Recent Snapshot of The Fighting Commander Of British Squadron.



Photo by American Press Association.

BULGARIA OUT YET

BALKAN REPUBLIC WOULD REMAIN NEUTRAL IN WAR.

ATTACKING SHIP SUNK

French Submarine Is Destroyed When It Attempts to Torpedo Austrian Battleship—Rescue Crew.

Paris, Dec. 26.—The Italian press states, according to advices to the Matin, that a French submarine belonging to the fleet of vice admiral Lapeyerer has been sunk while attempting to torpedo an Austrian battleship in the Austrian naval base at Pola. The crew of the French submarine was rescued by the Austrians and taken prisoners, it is stated.

London, Dec. 26.—It is reported that the Bulgarian government has agreed to remain neutral in the present war if Roumania takes sides with the triple entente composed of Great Britain, France and Russia.

JOHN W. COLEMAN DIES.

Funeral Services to Be Held Tomorrow Afternoon at M. E. Church.

The funeral services for John W. Coleman, who died at 7:30 o'clock yesterday morning at his home, on East First street, will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the First Methodist church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Gilbert S. Cox. The interment will be in Miriam cemetery.

Mr. Coleman was 74 years old. He was one of the first farmers to settle in the north part of the county, coming here from Illinois when a young man and taking up land near Pickering. He made his home there until about ten years ago, when he came to Maryville to reside.

Mrs. Coleman died about a year ago and Mr. Coleman is survived by five children. They are Mrs. Donna Young of Boise, Idaho; Mrs. A. J. Harris of Maryville; Mrs. Louora Johnson of St. Louis and Frank and John Coleman of Maryville. A sister of Mr. Coleman, Mrs. Lou Howe of Harding, arrived in the city at noon today to attend her brother's funeral.

MASSONS TO INSTALL OFFICERS.

Two Lodges to Make Change in Joint Session—No. 165 Open All Day.

The two local lodges of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Nos. 165 and 479, will have a joint installation of officers for the ensuing year today in Masonic hall. The installation usually is held on St. John's day, which occurs on December 27, but on account of that date falling on Sunday this year, the lodges are given the prerogative of setting the installation time a day ahead or a day back of the holiday.

The Maryville lodge, which is No. 165, began the installation exercises this morning and will keep the hall open until 7:30 o'clock tonight. Nodaway lodge, No. 479, then will begin its annual installation. Following the installation a smoker and general social time is planned.

The newly elected officers of Maryville lodge, No. 165, are: Dr. Frank C. Wallis, worshipful master.

Jonathan Stark, senior warden. Fred Smith, junior warden. Fred French, secretary. George B. Baker, treasurer.

The following are the appointive officers:

James Smith, senior deacon. Roy Martin, junior deacon. George Mulholland, senior steward. Ernest Jones, junior Steward. W. B. Blachley, tiler.

The newly elected officers of Nodaway lodge, No. 479, are: Roy Collins, worshipful master. W. E. Goforth, senior warden. F. L. Flynt, junior warden.

L. P. Colvin, secretary. E. E. Williams, treasurer.

The following are the appointive officers:

W. H. Gilbert, senior deacon. Arthur Brewer, junior deacon. F. R. Marcell, senior steward. Walter S. Todd, junior steward. W. B. Blachley, tiler.

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THE WEATHER

Unsettled tonight and Sunday with probably snow flurries; warmer tonight.

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GRAHAM TO BETTER SCHOOL NOW.

Court Decision in Consolidation Suit Welcomed by Southwest Town of the County.

Circuit Judge W. C. Ellison has handed down the decision that the consolidation of the several school districts around Graham is lawful and binding upon all the districts so consolidated.

This will enable the town of Graham to have a permanent and first class high school establishment in less than three years. Next year an eleventh grade will be added and the laboratory work made more extensive. The next year it will be put on the list of first grade high schools complete with twelve grades. This gives the country pupil a chance to get a more satisfactory education and without the expense of tuition.—Graham Record.

Clyde Pastor Receives Car.

The Rev. Frowin Mergen, O. S. B., the zealous pastor of St. Benedict's church at Clyde, is the recipient of a five-passenger motor, the gift of his father and brother of Beloit, Kan. This gift is no doubt much appreciated by Father Frowin, and his parishioners are happy in the thought that a means for promoting pastoral visits has been provided him, for, as the pastor in a small town he has some times to cover much space in order to reach the bedside of a sick parishioner. Mr. Joseph Mergen, a brother of the priest, is giving him lessons in handling the car.—Catholic Tribune, St. Joseph.

Here from St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lippman and son, Cyrus, of St. Louis arrived in Maryville yesterday morning to spend the holidays with Judge C. A. Anthony and family and Mrs. Lizette Lippman and family.

Man, 35, Buys First Suit.

Leroy Smith of Gentry, 35 years old and a farmer, bought his first suit of clothes this week, and after getting a hair cut, a shave and otherwise "sprucing up," went among his friends of years standing unrecognized. He always has dressed merely in overalls, "jumpers" and the usual laboring garb.

Notice.

All brothers are requested to be at Odd Fellows hall at 10 o'clock Sunday to attend in a body the funeral of John W. Coleman, at the First Methodist church. JOHN AWAITE, N. G. AMOS SPEICHER, Sec.

Shakespearean Play Good.

"A Winter's Tale," by Shakespeare, a Warner feature film, shown at the Fern theater last night, drew a large crowd. The pictures were good and descriptive in every way of the work. The theater today is being fitted with a small foyer, to make the theater proper more comfortable during the cold weather.

Here from Des Moines.

Mrs. Rosa Marshall of Des Moines, Ia., arrived in Maryville Friday to spend the holidays with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Utter.

Return to Des Moines.

Misses Mary and Margaret Foster of Des Moines, Ia., who have been visiting their grandmothers, Mrs. W. T. Carrett and Mrs. John Foster, will return tomorrow to their homes.

Misses Mary and Fannie Albright are visiting at Pickering, the guests of Miss Edith Jones.

HOW MISSOURI SAVES THE LIVES OF HER PEOPLE

State Sanatorium at Mount Vernon Offers Hope to Those Stricken by Tuberculosis.

SUCCESSFUL BATTLE WAGED

It Costs the Poor Man Nothing and Scores of Men and Women are Restored to Health and Usefulness.

On a sunny hilltop in the Ozarks within a rifle shot of the town of Mount Vernon in Lawrence county, the state of Missouri runs a life-saving station. By means of this life-saving station many people get well every year who otherwise would die of consumption. The life-saving station is called the Missouri State Sanatorium for Incipient Tuberculosis, and the state maintains it so that those sufferers from the "great white plague" who have not the money to get to private sanatoriums may have just as good a chance to get well as folks with money have.

And they do get well at Mount Vernon, too. More than 45 out of every hundred people who come to the cheerful, well-kept institution go away measurably restored to health and able

people who believe they have consumption and want to go to the sanatorium. It costs \$50 a month to take care of each patient at Mount Vernon, for the food is of the best, and the care offered by physicians and nurses comes high. The state doesn't skimp in the quality of its treatment. Missouri is willing to contribute \$25 a month toward the support of each patient who is admitted to the sanatorium if the county in which he lives is willing to put up the other \$25. Only a very few counties in Missouri have refused to do this. So after being examined by the state's doctor in your locality it is simply a matter of going before the county court of your county and proving to its satisfaction that you deserve to be admitted to the sanatorium.

The patient arriving at Mount Vernon is usually put to bed for a time. His temperature is taken every day, and he is weighed once a week, and as soon as he begins to show marked improvement, he is allowed more freedom to exercise.

The site of the sanatorium is a beautiful wooded hilltop, where the sun comes dancing through the leaves, and bird notes of one sort or another may be heard most of the year. Plenty of summer resorts are not so attractive in location nor do they serve such good food as the Mount Vernon sanatorium.

Much of the food is raised on the sanatorium farm. Tuberculosis patients require a great many eggs and a great deal of milk to help them retain their strength, and the sanatorium has its own herd of registered Holstein cows and hundreds of White Leghorn chickens. There is a big garden, so that fresh vegetables may be easily obtained, and along in the spring there's a strawberry patch big enough to supply plenty of berries for everybody on the place.



THE SCHOOL HOUSE AT THE STATE SANATORIUM.

to earn a living for themselves and their families. And they get well not by taking medicines—there's very little medicine given at Mount Vernon—but by consuming large quantities of fresh air and wholesome food, by resting a lot and living out-of-doors. All nature's medicines, you see, wisely administered by doctors who have made a study of tuberculosis, or consumption.

The first thing that surprises the visitor to the life-saving station at Mount Vernon is the cheerfulness of the place. Instead of a gloomy atmosphere, which so often exists around a hospital, there is a general air of hope. Almost everybody you see, doctors, patients and nurses, seem to be smiling. Even the folks who are sick enough so that they have to be in bed are cheerful and smiling and expecting to get well. And the very large majority of them do, too.

The sanatorium, of course, is for the benefit of people in the early stages of tuberculosis. If the disease is taken early enough it can almost always be checked. Not always, of course; there are some unfortunate cases, and there is no cure-all for consumption. Any doctor who tells you there is, is lying, and any potent medicine which guarantees a cure for consumption is a quack remedy and usually of no benefit at all. But doctors have learned that the great white plague, which twenty years ago was almost always fatal, can very often be checked, and its victims restored to health, so that they are able to lead active, normal lives. There is at least one country editor in Missouri today who is well and earning a living for his family because he went to the state sanatorium at Mount Vernon in time. His friends didn't believe he'd ever get well. But the editor had courage and faith, and the sanatorium justified it.

The method of getting into the sanatorium is this. The sanatorium people have appointed doctors all over the state who are qualified to examine

Dr. R. Hughes is the state's chief life-saver at Mount Vernon. He is the superintendent of the sanatorium and has charge of its management. The medical supervision of the hospital is under the direction of Dr. C. C. English.

But the most important thing to remember about the Missouri State Sanatorium at Mount Vernon is that it is saving lives every day in the year. People suffering from tuberculosis better their chances of recovery very greatly by getting treatment early, before the disease has gathered much headway. And that's exactly what the Mount Vernon sanatorium helps them to do. And it gives the poor man as much of a chance to recover his health as is accorded the man with money.

AN OUT-OF-DOOR SCHOOLHOUSE.

Grown men and women aren't the only people who suffer from consumption. In the Missouri State Sanatorium at Mount Vernon, where people in the early stages of consumption go to get well, there are thirty boys and girls now. When the first children came to Mount Vernon for treatment several years ago, the doctors and nurses in charge of the sanatorium realized that it wasn't enough to heal these little folks' bodies—that they must also be doing something for their minds while they were getting well.

And so Mrs. C. C. English, who used to be a school teacher and is now the wife of one of the sanatorium doctors, opened a school for the children in a room in one of the sanatorium buildings. Now the children have a building all to themselves, and it's a mighty interesting sort of a school.

When they aren't in school—and school only lasts during the mornings—there is two hundred acres of woodland for them to explore, and it is full of birds and squirrels. And there's a creek on the sanatorium grounds where a fellow can sometimes catch fish if he's patient enough.

ARTILLERY FIGHTS FROM LYS TO OISE

French Official Report Tells of Advances Made in Belgium.

Paris, Dec. 26.—The following official statement was issued:

"In Belgium there have been intermittent artillery battles. From the Lys to the Oise we gained the fork of the roads from Loos to Rutoire and from Loos to Vermelles.

"To the northeast of Albert we took possession of a portion of the village of La Boisselle.

"To the north from Roye to Lihou we also have made some progress.

"To the south of the Oise our artillery has demolished the defense works of the enemy in the region of Bailly.

"On the Aisne and in Champagne there have been artillery battles and several German attacks have been repulsed. To the north of Sapiqueuil, notably, a slight advance of our troops has been followed by a strong counter attack, which has completely failed.

"In the region of Peltre and Mesnil-Hurlus our progress of previous days has been followed up and strengthened. To the north of Mesnil we took possession of a forest strongly prepared by the enemy. To the northwest of Mesnil we have driven the enemy from the fragments of trenches which he reoccupied, and we are now masters of all his first line of defense.

"In the Argonne, in the forest of La Grurie, we have repulsed five attacks, and strengthened our front. Between the Argonne and the Meuse, in spite of the snow and the fog, we have made progress in the Bourenvilles-Vauquois front.

"In the region of Oulay and the forest of Forges our heavy artillery, by subduing the batteries and machine guns of the enemy, has enabled our infantry to make a leap in advance.

"On the right bank of the Meuse the Germans have bombarded the south corner of the forest of Consenvoye, where we are established. In the forest of Alilly and Anremont our artillery has forced the enemy to evacuate several trenches."

British Warships Engaging Dresden.

Valparaiso, Chile, Dec. 26.—The Chilean gunboat Tome reports the British cruiser New Castle cannonading fifteen miles from Valparaiso. It is supposed it has engaged the German cruiser Dresden and converted cruiser Prince Eitel Frederick.

Sunday Services at Local Churches

Buchanan Street Methodist Church.

John H. Hubbard, pastor.
Sunday school at 9:30 o'clock.
Morning worship at 10:45 with sermon by pastor. Subject, "The Revival."
Evening services at 7:30.
Regular meeting of Epworth League at 6:30 o'clock.

First Church of Christ, Scientist.

206 South Main street.
Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship at 11 o'clock. Subject of lesson sermon, "Christian Science."
No Sunday evening service.
Midweek service Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.
Reading room in the Michau building open each afternoon from 2 till 5 o'clock.

First Presbyterian Church.

Samuel D. Harkness, pastor.
Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship at 11 o'clock with sermon by pastor. Subject, "The Moving Hands of the Clock."
Meeting of the Young People's club at 6:30 o'clock in the evening. Ral Farmer, leader. The topic will be "What Happened in 1914."
Evening worship at 7:30 o'clock. Subject of pastor's sermon, "Deferred Hopes."

First Methodist Church.

Gilbert S. Cox, pastor.
Sunday school at 9:30 o'clock.
Morning preaching service at 10:45. The pastor will give a New Year's sermon on the subject "The Signs of the Times."
Epworth League service at 6:30 o'clock.
Evening worship at 7:30 o'clock. Subject of pastor's sermon, "A Challenge Refused." Special music at each service.

First Christian Church.

Robert L. Finch, minister.
Tomorrow should challenge the entire membership of the church to early and continued attendance. It will be a day of delightful fellowship—that and nothing else. The reports of the departments will show that the church is a "going concern"—all bills paid and money in the treasury. Every depart-

ment will report through its head, and a summary will be given by the minister. There will be the election of officers followed by the basket dinner served by the men of the church. The usual evening services will close the day. In the morning Mrs. J. M. Domahoe of Duluth, Minn., will sing a solo, and Mrs. F. P. Robinson will sing in the evening. At the afternoon fellowship service a splendid musical program will be given under the direction of Dr. D. J. Thomas. The public is cordially invited to be with us at all the services.

Guest of the Hubbards.

Rev. H. C. McPherson and son, Howard, of St. Joseph, spent the day yesterday visiting Mr. McPherson's brother-in-law, the Rev. John H. Hubbard, and family.

To Visit at Tarkio.

Miss Ruth Trout of Tarkio, who is attending school in Maryville, left Thursday for her home to spend the holidays.

Here from Boone.

Dr. Rolla Allender of Boone, Ia., came to Maryville Thursday to spend the holidays visiting his parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Allender.

High grade Illinois Lump, Egg or Nut Coal, well forked. \$4.75 to \$5 per ton. Burlington track or delivered. Doll Reese, weigher. Wm. Everhart, Jr.

M. J. Heffern of Omaha and his sister, Miss Margaret Heffern of Conception, came to Maryville yesterday to spend the week end visiting their mother, Mrs. M. Heffern.

To Wed Barnard Woman.

A marriage license was issued in St. Joseph late Thursday afternoon to L. Leonidas Edwards of Grand Island, Neb., and Miss Georgia Gardner of Barnard.

Visiting at Hopkins.

Mrs. C. E. Gregory went to Hopkins yesterday to spend the holidays with her son, T. M. Gregory, and family.

Miss Bertha Schmander, who is employed in the Haines store, spent the day yesterday visiting home folks at Burlington Junction.

Centerville Lump Coal, well forked, \$4 per ton, delivered or at Burlington track. Doll Reese, weigher. Wm. Everhart, Jr.

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Among Your Business Problems the most predominating one is in getting connected with the buyer. ¶ You must have store service, the kind of goods for your trade. You want appropriate window displays must be able to produce whatever is demanded in your line. And then you must know how to go after the buyer. ¶ Unquestionably the most effective economical and productive way of reaching the buyer is through newspaper advertising. Because the newspaper reaches right into the home of the buyer and give him or her the news of your store as well as news of happenings. ¶ Your advertising or store news in the Democrat-Forum would reach hundreds of buyers. These people want to know what you have. They will look for your advertisement. Advertising in the Democrat-Forum, consistently applied has and is producing good results for others. It will do the same for you.

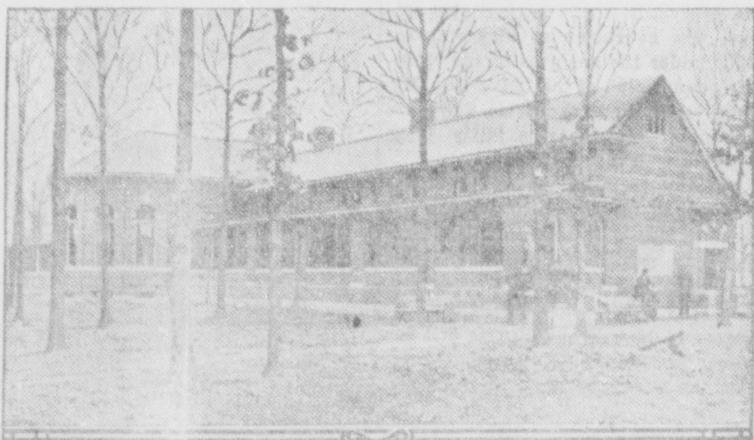
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The Accusing Coin

A Christmas Parable

By EDWIN MARKHAM

It was when Ferdinand was king
In Naples, back in a little ring
Of noisy years forgot and gone,
A whirl of mist across the dawn.
A little legend of those years
Stays to proclaim their toils and tears,
One little legend that I write,
Is in the book of Judgment writ.
And now the accusation of this time
Will cry it into the ear of Time.

The king to bind with crafty hold
St. Francis of Castellumare,
Plunged to the friar a purse of gold—
You should have seen the courtiers stare—
A thousand dollars as an alms
To lay within God's reaching palms!

But Francis, friend of God, stooped down
And, lifting up one coin aglow,
New stamped with Ferdinand's head and crown,
He bent it till it broke, when, lo,
Blood gushed from it in scarlet flow!

"Take back your gold," the friar cried;
"The traitor gold that prompts your pride!
Behold, the people's blood you draw
Through stealthy treasons of the law!
This blood cries out the griefs and wrongs
Of them to whom the gold belongs.
Give all to them if you would give
The gold into God's hand and live!"

Beware! All deeds, even deeds of kings,
May cry from out these mortal things.
—New York Sun.

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There is more catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a liver disease and prescribed loads of medicine, and by constantly falling to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only Constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Then after one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.

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Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Talk on Osteopathy Number 3

A great discovery has just been announced. Dr. Edward Cyrax of London, England, has been experimenting with Acute Croupous Pneumonia or lung fever as he says, in the New York Medical Journal.

Acute Croupous Pneumonia, or lung fever need not longer be feared as formerly.

By treating this disease with Mechano therapeutic or with the hands, it can be reduced to a comparatively simple disease.

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18,500,000 MEN FIGHT IN EUROPE

Mighty Armies Engaged In Death Struggle of Nations.

FIERCE COMBATS EVERYWHERE

One of Greatest Conflicts Known to History Raging From Prussia to Carpathians—Warfare In West Seems Just as Furious.

WAR BULLETINS

Christmas at the front, both east and west, saw no abatement in the fierce struggles that have been going on for weeks between the warring nations for some decisive result which might turn the tide of battle. The German forces in Russian Poland, under Field Marshal von Hindenburg, continue their assaults upon the Russian line which blocks their way to Warsaw. All these attacks were repulsed with great loss to the Germans, it is stated in the Petrograd communication.

Italy has occupied the Albanian port of Avlona, as the result of a revolution which has broken out in Albania against the Turkish ruler, Essad Pasha. This step was taken to restore order and afford protection to Europeans and peaceful inhabitants, but intervention by Italy in Albania carries with it the possibility of the participation of that country in the present conflict.

A German aviator drove his machine across the English channel, evidently with the intention of making an attack on Sheerness. However, like his compatriot who recently made an attempt against Dover, he was unsuccessful, being driven away by British aircraft.

London, Dec. 26.—The opposing armies in the fields of war today number all told nearly 18,500,000 men, or 28,000,000 with all reserves and "new" troops counted, according to a French statistician, Yves Guyot.

The expenditure required, he estimates at an average of nearly \$2.50 daily per man, or about \$11,500,000,000 for one year of warfare. A single year of the present war, he thinks, will cost about the same amount of money as the total expenditure for all the wars of the previous fifty years.

In the west the allies' hammer is tapping at the German entrenchments trying to find a weak point, while in the east the Russians, who have been driven back from the Austrian and German frontiers, seemingly have been brought to bay behind rivers, which offer them natural lines of defense and, turning, have counter-attacked the Austro-German forces.

Drive Russ Over Rivers.

The Germans, in their rush towards Warsaw, under direction of Field Marshal von Hindenburg, drove the Russians over the Bzura and Rawka rivers and they themselves succeeded in crossing those rivers, but, according to the Russian official report, the Germans there reached the main Russian line and were routed. From this report it is gathered that the Germans directed their main attacks against the Russian front, which lies along the banks of the Bzura river and thence southward to the Pilica river, but without success.

Along the rest of the front south to the Carpathians mountains the Russians claim similar victories, but on the East Prussian frontier the Germans apparently have turned the scales on their adversaries and, after having retreated to their own territory, resumed the offensive and again are back in Masovia, whence they originally tried to outflank the Russian forces north of the Vistula and work their way to Warsaw from the north.

Seek to Enter by Back Door.

Even now it is possible that the Germans have resumed their outflanking tactics, and while keeping the Russian center busy by making frontal attacks, are hoping to get into Warsaw by the back door.

All that is certain at present is that the two armies, whose numbers can only be roughly estimated, are engaged in one of the greatest battles of the world's history on a front which extends from East Prussia to the Carpathians and in which the advantage swings first to one side and then to the other.

Warfare In West.

Mining and sapping, artillery duels, attacks and counter attacks and, in fact, every means of warfare is being employed in Belgium and France by the allies in their effort to force the Germans to give up their present lines of defense. Some advance has been made, but only against stubborn opposition and counter attacks, which succeed occasionally in recovering the ground that the allies have taken at great cost.

Store at Richmond, Mo., Burned.
Richmond, Mo., Dec. 26.—Fire that started from an overheated stove in the basement of the Estes department store destroyed the establishment with an estimated loss of \$50,000.

Eight Drown as Trawler Hits Mine.
Grimsby, England, Dec. 26.—The trawler Oceana was sunk by a mine. Eight men were drowned, only the second engineer being saved.

OLD SANTA CLAUS.

[Author Unknown.]

Old Santa Claus sat all alone in his den
With his leg crossed over his knee.
While a comical look peeped out at his eyes,
For a funny fellow is he.

His queer little cap was tumbled and torn,
And his wig was all awry.
But he sat and mused the whole day long,
While the hours went flying by.

He had been as busy as busy could
In filling his pack with toys.
He had gathered his nuts and baked his pies
To give to the girls and boys.

There were dolls for the girls and whips for the boys,
With wheelbarrows, horses and drays,
And bureaus and trunks for dolly's new clothes,
All these in his pack he displays.

Of candy, too, both twisted and striped,
He had furnished a plentiful store,
While raisins and figs and prunes and grapes
Hung up on a peg by the door.

"I am almost ready," quoth he,
quoth he.
"And Christmas is almost here.
But one thing more—I must write them a book
And give to each one this year."

So he clapped his specs to his little round nose,
And, seizing the stump of a pen,
He wrote more lines in one little hour
Than you ever could read in ten.

He told them stories, all pretty and new,
And wrote them all out in rhyme,
Then packed them away with his box of toys
To distribute one at a time.

And Christmas eve when all were in bed
Right down the chimney he flew,
And stretching the stocking leg out at the top,
He clapped in a book for you.

CHRISTMAS TREE FOR CHILDREN OF THE STAGE.

In New York city and other large cities there has been a custom for years to have somewhere for a long time Tony Pastor's theater in New York was a gathering place—a Christmas tree for the children of the stage, a custom that grew, not out of charity, but it was said with all belief, from genuine love.

Some of the names that the people interested in theatricals most respect have long been associated with these Christmas trees, and some of the children who knew their years ago would today be names to respect, too, if there were in this country a less commercialized stage and genuine standards of acting. But that's another story. They are at least successful.

These Christmas trees in the large cities, taking on the proportions of public functions, are simply the outgrowth and enlarged edition of the many little celebrations that take place and have taken place wherever there is a youngster in the company to make the more or less homesick oldsters think back and in that thinking back take a new interest in the day. It is children's day after all, and all the sentiment of the stereotyped children's Christmas story, from the Van Bibber type, with the rescue of the waif on the street, to the rich old grandfather whose heart is softened by the Little Lord Fauntleroy, might be drawn from just one company that, traveling west, finds Christmas coming on, almost unannounced, in some benighted one night stand.

The Christmas Gift.

Gasper, Melchior and Balthazar.
Three wise men who follow the star
Over the deserts early and late
Until they arrive at Bethlehem gate.

"Where is he born who is King of the Jews?"
For we bring the gifts which a king may use."

Gasper said, "Myrrh is the gift I bring.
The very gift for an infant king."
Melchior said, "Mine is frankincense,
A gift I bought at a great expense."

Balthazar, "Mine is the gift of gold,
A royal gift of price untold."

These are the gifts of the wise men three.
What, O heart, shall thy gift be?
—L. O. Williams.

CHRISTMASY THOUGHTS.

Some Timely Yuletide Season Advice For Children and Others.

This is the beginning of the time before Christmas when every one is thinking of holiday doings and Christmas presents. This, too, is a time of great excitement, when the grownups get tired thinking of what to give and often tired of shopping for others. This again is a time when we children are still at school and thinking sometimes real Christmas thoughts.

What are Christmas thoughts? They should be thoughts of what am I going to do for poor little Johnny, who is alone and poor? Whom can I ask mother to have at our Christmas dinner, who perhaps would have to eat all alone were it not for me? Whom can I help deliver little gifts on Christmas? And many more such thoughts. But do we think those things? Are we not much more likely to be thinking of what we ourselves are going to get?

So, children, if you really want to be happy on Christmas think Christmas thoughts before Christmas and do Christmas things on Christmas. Receive gifts? Yes. But give gifts as well—gifts of cheer, unselfishness and kindness—and your Christmas will be the merriest sort of day.

A Three Line Want Ad Sold 25 Chickens on the second day it appeared, the evening it appeared the woman sold four chicken and on the third appearance of this want ad all the chickens were sold.

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Trullingers Entertain.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Trullinger, living west of the city, gave a Christmas dinner yesterday noon, at which their guests were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hall and daughter, Wilma, and their guest, Mrs. T. P. Baughman of Camden Point, Mo., and Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Knabb.

Dining at Gaults.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Gault of West Second street gave a dinner party Christmas day, at which their guests were Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Gault and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stephenson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Welborn Hosts.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Welborn were the hosts of a Christmas dinner party at which their guests were Mr. and Mrs. Glen Patterson and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Welborn.

Curfmans Entertain.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Curfman were the hosts of a Christmas dinner yesterday at which their guests were Mr. and Mrs. Preston Seafers, Mrs. J. C. Curfman, Roy J. Curfman and daughter, Virginia.

New Year's Eve Ball.

The Elks will observe New Year's by having a cabaret dinner dance on the night of Thursday, December 31. The program will begin at 9 o'clock. Table reservations will be made at the club Monday evening, December 28.

Conrads Entertain.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Conrad gave a dinner yesterday at which their guests were Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Frank, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Roseberry and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Arck K. Frank and daughter.

Guests of the Murrins.

Mr. and Mrs. John Murrin gave a Christmas dinner party yesterday, at which their guests were their son John Owen Murrin of Atchison, Kan., and their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Cornelius of Des Moines, Ia.

Christmas Dinner at Martin Home.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Martin were the hosts of a dinner party given last evening at which plates were laid for Mr. and Mrs. Frank Martin of Crystal Lake farm, east of the city, and John Kelfer of St. Joseph.

Wallis Dinner Party.

Dr. and Mrs. W. M. Wallis gave a Christmas dinner yesterday noon at their home, on Lawn avenue, entertaining Dr. and Mrs. Lafe Allender and son of Atlantic, Ia.; Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Allender, Frank Wallis of Pickering, Dr. F. C. Wallis and Dr. H. L. Stinson.

Christmas Breakfast.

After their usual custom, which has been a Christmas habit for a number of years with the Mutz family, all the children and grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mutz gathered at the parental home, 403 West Ninth street, for Christmas breakfast. The breakfast was served at 8:30 o'clock.

Dinner at Swinford Home.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Swinford gave a turkey dinner yesterday noon at which plates were laid for Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Mallon of St. Joseph, Mr. and Mrs. Gabe Purcell and Miss Beatrice Purcell of Conception, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Parrish, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Lyon, Misses

Mamie and Maybird Parrish, Miss Irene Swinford, John Wise, W. H. Swinford, and the hosts.

Shoemakers Entertain.

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Shoemaker were the hosts of a dinner given Christmas day, when plates were laid for Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Boyard, Harvey L. Haines, Dr. D. J. Thomas and A. C. Hoag.

Robinson Dinner Party.

The Christmas day celebration of the Robinson families was a dinner party at the home of Mrs. T. L. Robinson. Dinner was served at noon, the party including Mrs. Robinson, Dr. and Mrs. Charles T. Bell and son, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Robinson and family and Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Robinson and daughters.

Attends Family Reunion.

Mrs. S. M. Townsend left yesterday morning for Red Oak, Ia., where she will visit her sister, Mrs. George Shelley. Mrs. Townsend and Mrs. Shelley will be joined by their seven brothers and sisters in the annual reunion of the Fryrear family.

Mr. and Mrs. Colbert Give Dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Colbert entertained a number of guests at dinner last evening at their home, 223 East Seventh street. Plates were laid for the Rev. and Mrs. S. D. Harkness, Mrs. M. E. Long, Miss Mabel Wells, Herschel Colbert of Columbia, Roy Curfman, C. Edwin Wells, and the Colbert family.

EARL HACKETT DIES.

Succumbs Thursday—Funeral at Burlington Junction Tomorrow.

Earl Hackett, aged 46, died Thursday afternoon at his home, near Burlington Junction. The funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the Christian church of Burlington Junction, conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. W. Love.

Mr. Hackett was married about ten years ago to Miss Fannie Rhoades, who, with two small children, survive.

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Merrie Christmas

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

May the Day bring forth its share of Good Things of Life and Happiness and real Content. Above all, may it be a day spent among those you Love the Best and who Love you. May that which was unprofitable and unpleasant during the Nineteen Hundred Fourteen disappear with the old year, and may Good Health, Good Fortune and Happiness be your companions for 1915.

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